

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Kikuo HAYASHI et al.**

Art Unit: **2129**

Application Number: **10/649,936**

Examiner: **Nathan H. Brown Jr**

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For: **GENETIC DESIGN METHOD AND APPARATUS**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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March 17, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2008, and having a response due date initially set for January 17, 2009. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

A concurrently filed two-month Petition for Extension of Time extends the period for response to end on March 17, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.